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WASHINGTON, December 2, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 27 totaled an estimated 12.2 billion ton-miles, 14.3 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 48 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 741.0 billion ton-miles, 12.9 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 27 totaled 270,189 cars, 18.9 percent below 1981, and 23.5 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 30.3 percent in the East, 18.5 percent in the South, and 11.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down. All of the 21 groups were down from the preceding non-holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 20 totaled 40,134 cars, up 9.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 70,550 trailers and/or containers, 6.7 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 47 weeks of the year was 1,739,377 cars, 9.5 percent higher than last year, and 3,062,946 trailers and/or containers, up 7.1 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/27/82:

	<u>Loadings in</u> <u>Week ended</u> <u>November 27, 1982</u>			<u>Change from</u> <u>Corresponding</u> <u>Week 1981</u>		<u>Change from</u> <u>Preceding</u> <u>Week</u>	
	Cars			Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	19,191	D		2,530	11.6	D	8,291 30.2
Other farm products	5,407	I		191	3.7	D	497 8.4
Metallic ores	10,753	D		7,878	42.3	D	383 3.4
Coal	78,427	D		27,656	26.1	D	28,452 26.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	5,941	D		1,565	20.8	D	3,323 35.9
Nonmetallic minerals	7,318	I		142	2.0	D	2,668 26.7
Grain mill products	9,544	D		1,550	14.0	D	2,309 19.5
Food and kindred products	10,310	D		1,930	15.8	D	3,268 24.1
Primary forest products	10,352	D		2,314	18.3	D	4,428 30.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	4,866	I		362	8.0	D	1,627 25.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	14,264	D		2,809	16.5	D	1,184 7.7
Chemicals and allied products	16,681	D		3,058	15.5	D	3,434 17.1
Petroleum products	3,652	D		777	17.5	D	1,283 26.0
Stone, clay and glass products	7,857	D		1,270	13.9	D	1,596 10.9
Coke	3,293	D		1,976	37.5	D	10 0.3
Metals and products	5,129	D		5,305	50.8	D	1,840 26.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	9,593	D		808	7.8	D	3,388 26.1
Waste and scrap materials	5,137	D		2,450	32.3	D	2,417 32.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	5,714	D		1,742	23.4	D	1,963 25.6
All other carloads	36,634	I		2,192	6.4	D	10,642 22.5
LCL traffic	126	D		36	22.2	D	37 22.7
Total Cars Loaded	270,189	D		62,767	18.9	D	83,040 23.5

Corresponding week of 1981

332,956

	<u>1982</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Cars Loaded (48 weeks)	17,271,017	20,186,587	D 14.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
47 Weeks cumulative	728.8	836.0	D 12.8
Week ended November 27	12.2	14.2	D 14.3
48 Weeks cumulative	741.0	850.2	D 12.9